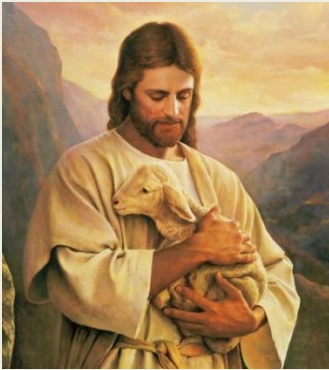


**The Reflection from Pastor Fr. John  
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**IMAGE OF GOD**



We all have some image of God in our minds. We might think of God as a loving father or as the king of the universe who watches over creation. We might imagine God as a just judge who rewards the righteous and punishes sinners.

We might imagine God as our personal savior who protects us from evil.

We might see God as the Holy Spirit who blesses us with peace and directs our lives. Or we may think of

God as the one who smiles upon those who follow his commandments.

If we knew nothing of Christianity, could we picture an all-powerful God emptying himself and living among his creation? Could we envision such a God in the flesh allowing himself to be humiliated and crucified by his creatures? Could we conceive of a God showing mercy to beings who ignored his commandments and then allowing them to be united with him at his Holy Table? Could we imagine a God giving his creatures the insight to recognize his presence?

God is beyond anything we can conceive or imagine, beyond any picture we can draw, beyond anything our words can explain, or our minds can grasp.

Let us not forget to pray for each other,

*Father John Carlos*